(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Expert Committee constituted by the Ministry for indepth analysis of Pooyamkutty Hydro-Electric Project has, in its interim report, recommended carrying out Environmental Impact Assessment, Social Impact Assessment and Social Cost-Benefit Analysis of the Project.

(c) The State Government of Kerala has been asked to get the said studies done immediately.

Formation of Reorganisation Commission

2028. SHRI R.B. RAI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are receiving representations in various forms from different quarters regarding the necessity of the formation of another State Reorganisation Commission;

(b) whether considering the growing restlessness amongst backward and depressed regions, the Government propose to take any steps in this direction;

(e) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Government's policy is to advance the principles of political, administrative and economic federalism as a consequence of which the benefits of development are expected to percolate down much faster to the hitherto under developed regions of the country wherefrom the demands for Statehood are emanating.

[Translation]

Mother Dairy Booths

2029. SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH:
DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR:
SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Mother Dairy Vegetable Booths in and around Delhi ; and

(b) the criteria adopted for allotment of Vegetable Booths and selection of location for these booths ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) At present there are 226 Mother Dairy Fruit and Vegetable Booths in operation in and around Delhi.

(b) The concessionaries who manage the booths enter into yearly renewable commercial agreement with the Project. The concessionaires are selected generally from among ex-service men/their dependents whose names are recommended by the Directorate General of Resettlement.

Selection of sites for fruit and vegetable booths is made keeping in view of sale potential availability of suitable space and other facilities for construction/operation of such booths. Construction of booths is taken up after the proposed sites are approved by the concerned authorities.

[English]

Veterinary Science College

2030. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA. Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a proposal for infrastructure development of Lakhimpur College of Veterinary Science was received ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount allocated for this purpose during the current financial year and likely to be allocated during the Ninth Five Year Plan period; and

(c) the target fixed for completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Subsidy/Loan to Pre-Cooling and Cold Storage Projects

2031. SHRI LINGARAJ VALYAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have proposed subsidy/ loan to the pre-cooling and cold storage projects in the country ; and

(b) if so, the total fund provided for these projects during each of the last three years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) Department of Agriculture & Cooperation has been providing financial assistance to State Governments for establishment of pre-cooling and cold storage projects by cooperatives for storage of potatoes and other fruits and vegetables through National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC). As per the latest norms, 50% of the block cost is provided as share capital and 40% as loan. For the weaker sections 75% is given as loan and 17.5% as subsidy. In the under developed States 75% is given as loan and 20% as subsidy. The balance amount is to be met by the beneficiaries themselves.